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Applicant: Frederik C. Botha

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Title: THE REGULATION AND MANIPULATION
OF SUCROSE CONTENT IN SUGARCANE

CUSTOMER NUMBER: 28465

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OFFICE OF PETITION

PETITION TO REVIVE FOR UNINTENTIONAL ABANDONMENT
UNDER 37 CFR 1.137(b) AND 1.137(c)

Gentlemen:

1.) Applicants hereby petition for revival of abandoned patent application number 09/779,237 under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.137(b) and 1.137(c).

2.) In accordance with 37 C.F.R. §1.137(b)(1) and §1.137(c), Applicants, through the undersigned attorney, herewith submit an RCE for entry and in response to the Advisory Action

of October 14, 2003, for entry of non-entered but previously filed Amendment C (copy enclosed) filed August 14, 2003 in response to the Office Action mailed on March 14, 2003.

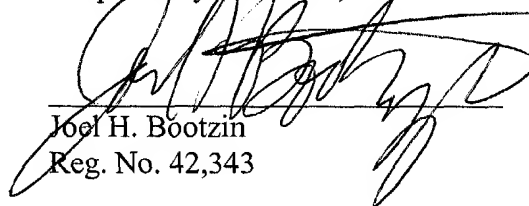
3.) Applicants also include an extension of time as required by 37 C.F.R. § 1.136 and check of \$530.00 to extend the due date to September 14, 2003 as would have been done had the RCE been timely filed.

4) The entire delay in filing the required reply from the due date for the reply until the filing of a grantable petition pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.137 (b) was unintentional.

5.) Also, in accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.137(b), a check for the petition fee as set forth in § 1.17(m) for the amount of \$1,330.00 is included with this petition.

6.) The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any deficiency in the payment of the required fee(s) or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 18-2284. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.

Respectfully submitted,



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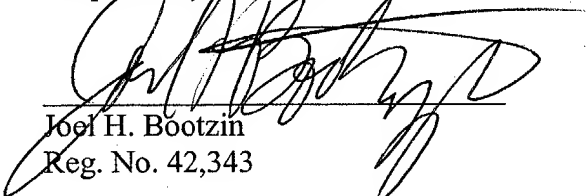
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